

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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Potato stocks in storage as of February 1, 2001 totaled 77,000 cwt. Stocks on hand accounted for 60 percent of the 2000 crop and compares with 130,500 cwt a year earlier. The five-year average stocks on hand for February 1 totaled 109,000 cwt. Disappearance since January 1 totaled 12,800 cwt, compared with the average 13,900 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to February 1 totaled 52,000 cwt, compared with 54,500 cwt a year earlier.

TANANA VALLEY potato growers had 11,100 cwt in storage February 1, 57 percent of production. Last year, 36,900 cwt of potatoes or 76 percent of production were in storage on February 1.

MATANUSKA VALLEY storages held 65,400 cwt on February 1, 60 percent of production. Potatoes in storage on February 1 were down 30 percent from a year ago. Last year, 93,000 cwt or 69 percent of the 1999 production was in storage on February 1.

KENAI PENINSULA growers had 500 cwt in storage on February 1, 50 percent of production.

15 MAJOR STATES potato stocks on hand totaled 235 million cwt on February 1, up 13 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in February 1997. Stocks accounted for 51 percent of the fall production, up 2 percentage points from last year.

WESTERN STATES held 174 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2001, up 16 percent from last year and 17 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 34 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 13 percent, and Oregon's were up 10 percent. Colorado was equal to last year and Montana was up 5 percent. California's potato stocks were down 23 percent from a year ago.

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POTATO STOCKS - FEBRUARY 1, 2001

| AREA | STOCKS | | | | PRODUCTION | | Feb. 1 Stocks as Percent of Production | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|---------|--|------|
| | FEB. 1 | | JAN. 1 | | | | | |
| | 2001 | 2000 1/ | 2001 | 2000 1/ | 2000 | 1999 1/ | 2001 | 2000 |
| | ----- 1,000 Cwt ----- | | | | | | -- Percent -- | |
| TANANA VALLEY | 11.1 | 36.9 | 14.2 | 39.3 | 19.5 | 48.8 | 57% | 76% |
| MATANUSKA VALLEY | 65.4 | 93.0 | 75.0 | 106.0 | 108.5 | 135.0 | 60% | 69% |
| KENAI PENINSULA | .5 | .6 | .6 | .7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 50% | 50% |
| TOTAL | 77.0 | 130.5 | 89.8 | 146.0 | 129.0 | 185.0 | 60% | 71% |

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STOCKS ARE DEFINED AS THE QUANTITY REMAINING IN STORAGE FOR ALL PURPOSES AND USES, INCLUDING SHRINKAGE AND WASTE AND OTHER LOSSES AFTER FEBRUARY 1.

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